

HARMONY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

March 7, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS
STATEMENT**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

CONSENT AGENDA:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES THE
FOLLOWING WHEN AVAILABLE**

Reports: -Attorney Report
 -Engineer Report
 -Zoning Report
 -Minutes: January 30, 2023 budget meeting
 February 7, 2023
 -Resolutions: R:23-13; Transfer Resolution – Appropriations Reserve
 -Raffles: R:23-2; Harmony Township Vol. Fire Co. Tricky Tray 3/19/23
 R:23-3; Harmony Township Vol. Fire Co. 50/50 3/19/23

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Township of Lopatcong; Notice of hearing on Ordinance 2023-04 Amending Chapter 243 to change fees for zoning permits
2. Township of Lopatcong; Notice regarding a joint meeting between Pohatcong and Lopatcong Townships to be held on 2/21/23.
3. Warren Co. Board of Commissioners; Resolution #103-23 Supporting S-3534 to recognize that food security is national security and must start on a State level.
4. Warren Co. Cultural & Heritage Affairs; Notice of outreach meetings for the Bicentennial Cultural & Heritage Advisory Board and Div. of Cultural & Heritage Affairs in preparation for the County's Bicentennial in 2024-2025.
5. Stormwater Compliance Solutions, LLC; letter offering assistance for compliance with the new permitting regulations

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to adopt proclamation for April 2023 as CASA Child Advocate Month

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Harmony Sand and Gravel 2023 Operating Permit
2. Stormwater System Permit; Conformance Grant Opportunity from Highlands Council

BOARD OF HEALTH:

FOOD HANDLERS LICENSE
-The Hutch

DISCUSSION:

1. Food Handlers License Ordinance

VOUCHERS: Approve payment of Vouchers

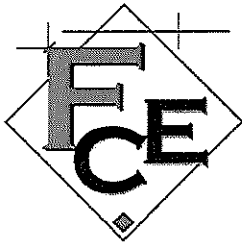
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Motion to adjourn

NOTICE

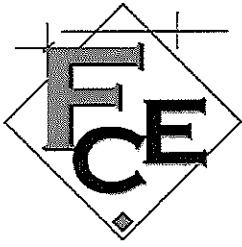
*** This Agenda is subject to change by order of the Harmony Township Committee
before, and / or during the scheduled meeting ***



TO: Mayor Brian Tipton and Township Committee Members **VIA EMAIL ONLY**
FROM: Michael S. Finelli, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.
DATE: March 2, 2023
RE: **Harmony Township Engineer's Report for the March 7, 2023 Committee Meeting**
FCE No. HAWM260R3

HARMONY SAND AND GRAVEL QUARRY PERMIT

- Please refer to prior Engineering reports for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021 permit application summaries.
- Please be advised that the applicant recently submitted their annual quarry permit application for 2022. We received the information on January 26, 2022. We obviously did not have sufficient time to develop our review and issue our report in advance of the February 1, 2022 Committee Meeting.
- Our review of HS&G's 2022 quarrying application, dated February 25, 2022 was submitted to the Committee in advance of the March meeting. Note that we have also submitted a March 28, 2022 letter to the Committee, for its files, which includes documents from Earth Efficient confirming the sources of the imported fill used in the reclamation of Hartung Pit 2 and test results confirming that the material meets NJDEP standards for "clean fill".
- The Committee at its April 5, 2022 meeting approved HS&G's 2022 quarrying permit with conditions. A resolution, prepared by both this office and K. Campbell, Esq., was adopted by the Committee at its May 3, 2022 meeting.
- Based upon potential environmental concerns expressed by S. Gruenberg, Esq., the applicant has agreed to perform Soils testing for Pit #2. We have spoken with S. Wilhelm, Esq., and R. Panicucci, P.E., regarding progress on the environmental testing which was agreed to be conducted by HS&G within Pit 2. They are in the process of selecting an environmental consultant. We will be coordinating with their consultant on the proposed scope of the work and the testing that will be required.
- Based upon a July 5, 2022 email from R. Panicucci, P.E., HS&G is retaining RMS Environmental to conduct the additional environmental investigation required by the Committee within Pit #2. We are awaiting a proposed scope of work from RMS for our review and approval.
- Our office received an environmental testing proposal for Pit 2 from RMS Environmental by email on July 25, 2022. Gene Weber forwarded the RMS proposal and scope of testing to the Township Committee via e-mail, on August 3, 2022. Our office is currently reviewing the proposed testing and will provide our recommendations under separate cover.
- Our office prepared an August 17, 2022 letter to LAN Associates with comments on the RMS Environmental testing proposal. Copies were provided to the Committee. We are awaiting

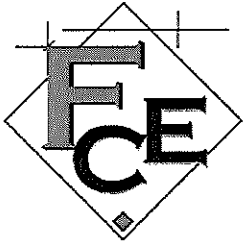


receipt of a revised proposal for our final review and approval prior to the commencement of testing.

- There has been recent activity and progress made at the site relative to areas which needed to be re-graded to achieve the 3:1 maximum slope.
- The Township has received a December 15, 2022 letter from LAN Associates in response to FCE's August 17, 2022 comment letter regarding the environmental testing proposal received from RMS Environmental, dated July 8, 2022 relating to Pit 2. Our office is in the process of drafting a response to the LAN letter for the Township's consideration.
- Our office, under separate cover, will provide a letter to the Committee recommending approval of the LAN Associates/RMS Environmental testing proposal for the imported fill in Pit 2 subject to RMS submitting a final version of the proposal incorporating the recommendations in LAN Associates December 15, 2022 letter.
- HS&G's 2023 Quarrying / Mine License Renewal Application was received on February 2, 2023. Based upon the date of receipt of said application, this matter will not be able to be heard at the February 7, 2023 Committee Meeting. The Hearing on the 2023 Application will be heard at the March 7, 2023 Committee Meeting.
- **Our review of the 2023 Quarrying / Mine License Renewal Application will be provided to the Committee under separate cover for consideration at the March 7, 2023 Committee meeting.**

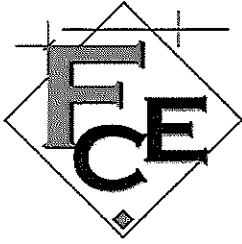
SHANDOR'S USED AUTO PARTS / JUNKYARD LICENSE

- We have received Shandor's 2022 Junkyard License Application. A copy of our review report will be provided under separate cover in advance of the April 5, 2022 Committee meeting.
- No action was taken on the 2022 Junkyard License at the April 5, 2022 Committee meeting. As suggested by the Committee, K. Campbell, Esq. sent an April 14, 2022 letter to J. Riddle requiring that he address the comments in FCE's April 4, 2022 review letter prior to the application being considered for approval. As of the date of this report, no additional information has been received from Mr. Riddle.
- Comments from our April 4, 2022 letter have been addressed. The approval Resolution has been provided to the Committee for adoption at the June 7, 2022 Committee meeting. In addition, the Committee at its May 3, 2022 meeting suggested that the Junkyard ordinance should be amended to include a requirement for escrow fees.
- Our office did a site inspection of the property on June 3, 2022 and found that no cars were located outside of the fence in the field area.
- Shandor's 2023 Junkyard License application has not been received as of February 3, 2023.
- **The 2023 Shandor Junkyard License Application was received via email from K. Smith on March 1, 2023. Our office will be providing a review of the application for the April 4, 2023 Committee meeting.**



FOX FARM ROAD, SECTION 2 (2021 NJDOT Grant Project)

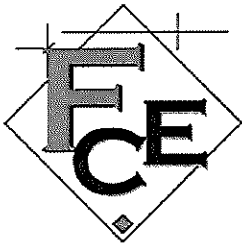
- The Township was notified by the State that they received a grant in the amount of \$136,700 for the resurfacing of Fox Farm Road Section 2.
- A Budget Memo was sent to the Township which showed a significant shortfall for this work. FCE is presently evaluating a modification to the scope of the work (shorten the length roadway to be resurfaced) and will provide a revised budget amount to the Township.
- The snow covering the existing Guide Rail has forced a delay in the modification to the Initial Budget Memo, but we are hoping to provide the Committee a revised Budget memo in advance of the 3/2/21 TC Meeting under separate cover.
- FCE has scheduled the field survey work and will begin to develop the initial documents for submission to DOT.
- The Field survey work has been completed and we are now proceeding with the design phase of the project. Per prior discussions and the subsequent approval from the Twp. Committee, this section of Fox Farm Rd. is longer (almost 1.5 Miles) than “conventional” DOT Grant projects. This will obviously have a direct impact on the total costs of the project (as outlined in our Jan. Memo to the Committee).
- Plans, Specifications and Engineers estimate was submitted to NJDOT on August 4, 2021. NJDOT has reviewed our submittal and we may proceed with award to Morris County Cooperative Pricing council.
- The Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council paving contractor is not able to schedule the resurfacing of Fox Farm Road for this year. The NJDOT approvals are in place, and we will be in position to have this project started in the Spring of 2022.
- A new resolution of award has been sent to the Township to reflect the new 2022 Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council bid prices so this project can proceed as soon as the weather allows.
- NJDOT has given the Township approval to Start construction. FCE has spoken with the DPW and the paving contractor to schedule paving for the end of April, beginning of May.
- Paving was completed on April 26th and 27th. The Guiderail contractor is scheduled for May 9, 2022, and the striping contractor has been contacted, but we do not have a scheduled date from them yet.
- Guiderail and striping have been completed. Coring has been requested but as of the date of this report, we do not have a confirmed schedule for same. Final inspection from DOT has also been requested.
- Coring was completed, there was a 0.5% penalty assessed to the contractor for failure on the air voids. DOT completed the final inspection and has accepted the project. Final close out documents have been sent to the Township for signatures.
- Final close out documents have been sent to DOT for final payment and completion of the project.



- DOT received final closeout documents but cannot finalize until receipt of an original CFO certification.
- DOT has received all final closeout documents for this project. It is our understanding that the Township has not yet received the final payment of the Grant.
- **Our office recently inquired with the DOT regarding the final Grant reimbursement check due the Township. We were told that they were waiting for an original CFO certification. We sent them the CFO Certification again. The Township should expect the final Grant reimbursement very shortly.**

Ridge Road Section 2 (2022 NJDOT Grant Project)

- The Township was notified by the State that they received a grant in the amount of \$131,600 for the resurfacing of Ridge Road Section 2.
- A Budget Memo was sent to the Township which showed a significant shortfall for this work. A shortened section of Ridge Road was also presented in the budget memo for the Township to evaluate and discuss. Obviously, Kathleen will need to be involved in these discussions from an overall budgeting perspective for 2022.
- Based upon the Budget Memo referenced above, it is our understanding that the Township is evaluating some options for proceeding with this project. The Township will need to advise our office regarding how they would like to proceed with this project for 2022 based upon the fairly significant shortfall of Grant monies (\$131,600.00 vs. the estimated cost of the project).
- The Township has decided to proceed with the full length of roadway. FCE is in the process of surveying the road and creating the base mapping.
- FCE has completed the field survey work and is in the process of developing the base mapping for the project.
- Base mapping has been created, however in response to the Asphalt Price adjustment and Fuel price adjustment FCE is waiting for confirmation on the limits of work.
- As per the escalated costs associated with projects of this type which were evident in conjunction with the Fox Farm Road, Section 2 project, the TWP. Committee has decided not to proceed with Ridge Road, Section 2 this year. We will continue to monitor the cost increases and advise the Committee accordingly.
- FCE is in the process of preparing the bid documents for receipt of bids associated with the pipework portion of the project for potential construction over the winter months
- FCE has completed the plans for the pipework and will be meeting with the DPW to review the project before requesting bids.
- FCE has requested and received 3 bids for the pipework. All 3 bids have come in well over the bid threshold. We have attached the 3 proposals and associated estimates to this report. Based upon the fact that we do not have an estimate under the bid threshold, the project will need to be publicly bid.



- FCE has put out “to Bid” the drainage work which was previously out “for quotes”, but needed to be Bid as it did not fall under the Bid threshold. Twelve contractors picked up the Bid and the Bid Opening occurred on February 2. A recommendation letter will be forwarded to the Township, under separate cover.
- **The Drainage work was awarded to ADS Contractors LLC, at the February 7, 2023 Committee meeting. They have executed the contract and are preparing the balance of the paperwork required. As per our most recent conversation with ADS, they plan to start the work in April.**
- **The roadway construction plans for Section 2 are nearly complete and will be forwarded to the NJDOT very soon.**

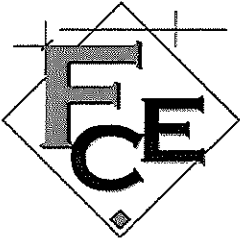
Ridge Road Section 3 (2023 NJDOT Grant Project)

- The Township was notified by the State that they received a grant in the amount of \$160,630 for the resurfacing of Ridge Road, Section 3. A Budget Memo was prepared and discussed at the December 6th, 2022 TC meeting. No action was taken at the December 6th meeting. With the total of both State grants (\$292,230.) for Sections 2 and 3 and input from Kathleen, the Township authorized our office to proceed with both Sections 2 & 3 at the January 10, 2023 meeting. We will continue to keep the Township apprised as we move forward with this project.
- **The roadway construction plans for Section 3 are nearly complete and will be forwarded to the NJDOT very soon.**

Walking Paths/Disc Golf at the Municipal Recreation Facility

(No change since last month’s report)

- The Township and our office had a meeting on November 29, 2022 to discuss moving forward with the walking paths and a Disc golf course at the municipal recreation facility. The Disc golf representatives will be “laying-out” the course within the next few weeks. FCE will survey the site in the area of the proposed walking path and the Disc golf course. The Township will discuss the possibility of applying for a grant through the Local Recreation Improvements Grant from DCA SAGE for this work. From the survey data FCE will be able to evaluate the potential for ADA compliant paths and challenge paths along with the Disc golf course.
- The application has been started in DCA SAGE for the request of funds for outdoor gym and playground equipment. Several forms and a resolution of support for the project have been sent to Kelley for her execution.
- All of the field survey work has been completed by our office. We are presently preparing the existing conditions plan and project base map.

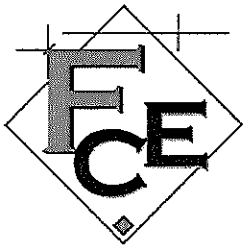


MS4 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit

- The Township received a July 1, 2022 letter from NJDEP indicating that the Township is being reassigned as a Tier A Municipality. It is currently and has been a Tier B. The letter explains that the main reason for the change is the level of pollutants which are found to be present within many of the streams and waterways within the Township. It is our understanding that all Tier B Townships within the County and many around the State are being upgraded to Tier A. The upgrade imposes more responsibilities on the Township to conform to its NJDEP General Stormwater Permit, including, but not limited to, additional responsibilities for the DPW, preparation of Township wide storm sewer outfall maps, preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP), etc. At this point we are not certain whether this decision can be appealed. We will continue to monitor the “situation” and keep you informed. For your information and interest, please take note that all of the Municipalities we represent in Warren County that were originally designated as Tier B, have all been upgraded to Tier A.
- On August 24th, Gene Weber and I attended a virtual meeting hosted by the NJDEP for the Township MS4 Tier B Reassignment. Further instructions, schedule, and Grant availability will be provided to the Township in the near future. We will continue to advise the Township as the Reassignment process moves forward.
- A copy of the Township’s 2023 MS4 General Stormwater Permit was received from NJDEP last week. The permit, effective January 1, 2023, has re-assigned Harmony Township as a Tier A municipality. Our office will be preparing a memo to the Committee summarizing changes from the previous 2018 Tier B Permit and documenting additional responsibilities placed upon the Township.
- **FCE provided a memo, dated February 14, 2023 to the Committee listing additional Township responsibilities under its new Tier “A” designation and MS4 Permit. There is substantial work required to comply with the new permit. I am happy to report that we have been advised by NJDEP that grants of up to \$75,000 will be available through the end of 2023. With the Committee’s authorization, our office will obtain the grant information and prepare the Grant application.**

Zoning Ordinance (Solar) Amendment

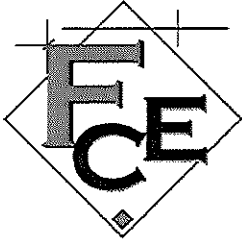
- At the request of the Committee our office has prepared an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 165, to include Solar Production Systems as permitted uses within Industrial Zoning districts to conform with provisions in the Municipal Land Use Law (re: N.J.S.A. 40:55-66.11) which were enacted in 2009. A copy of the suggested zoning ordinance amendment will be provided to the Committee under separate cover.
- An email was received on September 12, 2022 from Kelley Smith with comments from the Fire Chief which he is suggesting be included in the ordinance revision. We have amended the ordinance to include the additional design standards recommended by the Fire Chief. A copy of the amended draft ordinance can be found as an attachment to this report.



- The Committee directed the Clerk to forward a copy of draft ordinance to the Land Use Board for review.
- The draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment was reviewed and approved by the Land Use Board. The Committee should schedule the ordinance for first reading in early 2023, possibly at the January 2023 meeting.
- First reading of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment (solar facilities) is scheduled for the January 10, 2023 Committee meeting.
- Second reading and adoption of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for solar facilities is scheduled for the February 7, 2023 Committee meeting.
- **The Zoning Ordinance for solar facilities was adopted at the February 7, 2023 Committee meeting.**

Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Amendment

- The Township received an August 19, 2022 letter from NJDEP requiring that in order to continue participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) the Township's current Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (Chapter 94) needs to be amended to meet more stringent controls for construction within flood hazard areas. This is being required nationwide. A model ordinance was provided which needs to be adapted for Harmony Township. We have prepared the new ordinance entitled "Floodplain Management" which will replace Chapter 94. A copy of the ordinance can be found as an attachment to this report.
- We have prepared a draft of the new Floodplain Management Ordinance for review by the Committee. Copies have been submitted under separate cover.
- The draft Floodplain Management Ordinance was discussed with the Committee at the November 1, 2022 meeting. Revisions suggested by the Committee were made and the revised ordinance was sent to NJDEP on November 23, 2022 for their review and comment. On November 30, 2022, a review letter on our draft Ordinance was received. It was received with "track changes" which should make it fairly simple to update. Similar to the Solar Zoning Ordinance, this updated Flood Plain Management Ordinance should be scheduled for first reading at the January TC meeting.
- The Floodplain Management Ordinance has been approved by NJDEP for introduction. We have provided a copy of the approved Ordinance to Kelley which should be scheduled for first reading at the January 10, 2023 Committee meeting allowing for second reading and adoption at the February 7th TC meeting. The deadline established by the DEP for this Ordinance is February 15th, 2023.
- The Floodplain Management Ordinance is scheduled for second reading and adoption at the February 7, 2023 Committee meeting. After adoption, the final ordinance signed by the Clerk is required to be submitted to NJDEP Division of Dam Safety and Flood Engineering for their files.
- **The Floodplain Management Ordinance was adopted at the February 7, 2023 Committee meeting and a signed and sealed copy was submitted to NJDEP on February 8, 2023 by K. Smith.**

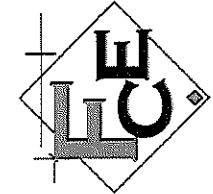


Demeter Road Drainage Issue

(No change since last month's report)

- Our office received a phone call during the week of 12.19.22 from John Chismar regarding continuing drainage and icing problems on Demeter Road. We looked at this situation in 2018. We are sending via email a copy of our March 19, 2018 Memo to the Committee and a copy of Katrina Campbell's March 5, 2018 letter to Mr. Cestone, the owner of the property where the runoff is emanating. I will be available to discuss this matter in further detail at the January 10, 2023 Committee meeting.
- Attorney Bykov sent a letter, dated January 23, 2023, to Matt Cestone requiring that he correct a drainage problem on his property (Block 14, Lot 1) at 38 Demeter Road which is causing surface runoff to be discharged onto the pavement of Demeter Road. Mr. Cestone called our office in response to the letter to discuss the issue. He explained that in 2018 he received a construction code permit and removed an underground oil storage tank at the rear of his home that was no longer being used and in connection with that work, the existing 4" roof drain piping from rear downspouts on his home were replaced in kind with the discharge end of the pipe being moved approximately 20 feet from its previous location. The discharge location is approximately 75 feet from Demeter Road. He further indicated that the drainage issues began when the adjoining owner, Peggy Doebbling (located in White Township) began making modifications to her driveway and grading to divert water from her property. The icing problems really lie within White Township most likely caused by insufficient crown in the roadway and lack of a drainage ditch along the road. We spoke to Paul Sterbenz, P.E., White Township Engineer, regarding this matter and he indicated that the White Township DPW has not received any recent complaints and currently, White Township, has no plans for any improvements to their section of Demeter Road. He also indicated that the modifications to the Doebbling driveway were done without any permit. Based upon all of this information it is our opinion that no improvements should be required of Mr. Cestone.

cc: Kelley Smith, Clerk, via email only
Kathleen Reinalda, CFO, via email only
Randy Hoffman, DPW, via email only
Igor Bykov, Esq., via email only



FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.
HARMONY TOWNSHIP
ZONING OFFICER LOG
January 1, 2023 – March 1, 2023

DATE	NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
1.04.23	Larry Smith	39 Swamp Road Block 26, Lot 16	Court hearing 1.5.23 - Ordered to clean up debris in yard. Smith to meet w. M. Finelli on-site. Next court date 2.02.23.
1.04.23	Sprint / T-Mobile	318 Garrison Road Block 38, Lot 1	T-Mobile filed application with the LU Board to overturn Zoning Permit denial.
2.02.23	Larry Smith	39 Swamp Road Block 26, Lot 16	Court hearing 2.2.23 – Violation dismissed. Property has been significantly improved and cleaned up.
2.02.23	Donald Quick	798 Marble Hill Rd. Block 33 Lot 17	Court hearing 2.2.23 – Will attempt to clean-up front “debris.” Adjourned to 3/16, Quick to call/ coordinate with FCE
2.02.23	Shelly Ackerman	4 Grist Mill Rd. Block 9 Lot 2.01	Court hearing 2.2.23 – Ackerman to clean up excessive debris on property. Adjourned to 3/16, Ackerman to call FCE.
2.06.23	Walter Hnot	2493 Belvidere Road Block 33, Lot 25.05	Issued Zoning Permit to re-face existing Horse Farm sign along Belvidere Road
2.08.23	Kurt Menke	Harmony Twp. Recreation Site Block 38, Lot 10	Issued Zoning Violation for littering on Twp. Recreation site.
02.16.23	Shelby Hall	Alpha Street Block 42, Lot 14	Court hearing 2.16.23 – Adjourned until 3.16.23 -Hall to trim / cut trees
2.17.23	Kurt Menke	Harmony Twp. Recreation Site Block 38, Lot 10	Received 2.17.23 email from Menke indicating he has no knowledge of how his garbage got to the Recreation Site. Not enough evidence to proceed with prosecution.
2.20.23	Robert Colontrelle (South Foul Rift, LLC)	9 South Foul Rift Road Block 3, Lot 1	Issued Zoning Permit to rebuild existing accessory storage building. (50’x 60’x 25’ high)
2.20.23	David Au	2403 Belvidere Road Block 33, Lot 33	Issued Zoning Permit for residential fence.
3.01.23	Sergey Mamedov	1039 Harmony Station Road Block 37, Lot 10.03	Issued Zoning Permit for residential ground mounted solar facility.

Special Meeting	The Special Meeting of the Harmony Township Committee was called to order by the Mayor. The Mayor made the following announcement: "Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by providing a notice of the meeting to the Express-Times and Star Ledger posting a copy thereof on the Township bulletin board and filing a copy thereof in the office of the Municipal Clerk." The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by the Mayor.
Roll Call	Tipton, Yamrock, Cornely CFO Kathleen Reinalda was present via zoom.
2023 Budget	<p>The purpose of this meeting is to start the 2023 budget process. The committee was provided with documentation from several departments with respect to items they are requesting for this budget year.</p> <p>Capital projects and equipment items were discussed for the road department. Mr. Cornely will meet with Randy to go over the lists.</p> <p>The finance officer gave expenditure budget reports as of 12/31/22.</p> <p>Salaries were discussed. It was noted that the COLA for Social Security this year is 8.7 percent. Kelley had provided the committee with a salary spreadsheet. She will update it to go up to the 8% increase. The CFO will build in 8% to start.</p> <p>A second meeting with the auditor will be scheduled. Dates were discussed. Kelley will coordinate with everyone and send out "rice" notices to the employees.</p>
Adjourn	Motion by Cornely, seconded by Tipton to adjourn the meeting at this time. The motion was carried unanimously by all in favor.

Kelley Smith, Municipal Clerk

Regular	The Regular Meeting of the Harmony Township Committee was called to order by the Mayor. The Mayor made the following announcement: “Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by providing a notice of the meeting to the Express-Times and Star Ledger posting a copy thereof on the Township bulletin board and filing a copy thereof in the office of the Municipal Clerk.” The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by the Mayor.
Roll Call	Tipton, Yamrock, Cornely
Consent Agenda	Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and carried unanimously by roll call to approve the consent agenda that included the following items: Roll Call: Ayes: Tipton, Yamrock, Cornely Nays: none.
Reports	Attorney -Class VI Cannabis Delivery License Memo 1/30/2023 -Water Runoff on Demeter Road Memo 1/23/2023 Engineer - Motion by Cornely, seconded by Yamrock and carried unanimously to award ADS Contractors LLC the Ridge Road project in the amount of \$46,110.01. Roll Call: Ayes: Tipton, Yamrock, Cornely Nays: none. Zoning
Minutes	January 10, 2023, and December 28, 2022
Resolution	HARMONY TOWNSHIP R:23-11 AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING & LAND PLANNING ASSOCIATES, INC. (E&LP) TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR SITE ASSESSMENT AT RIVER ROAD (BLOCK 39 , LOT 27) IN HARMONY TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY WHEREAS , the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection through the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund, has grant funds available to municipalities for the purpose of funding preliminary assessments, site investigations and/or remedial investigations to determine the existence or extent of hazardous substance discharge conditions on properties; and WHEREAS , the Township of Harmony wishes to conduct a preliminary assessment, site investigation and /or remedial investigations with respect to the property owned by the Township Harmony located at River Road, known as Trans Mix Sand & Gravel Quarry and designated as Block 39, Lot 27; WHEREAS , E&LP is qualified to prepare and submit all Applications for such funding; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Harmony has acquired the property by voluntary conveyance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Harmony, in the County of Warren, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. E&LP, Inc. is hereby authorized and directed to apply for grant funding in order to conduct preliminary assessments, site investigation, and or/remedial investigations for the above-described parcel.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of Harmony are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in order to apply for the aforesaid grant.
3. In the event that funding is approved pursuant to a grant issued in favor of the Township of Harmony, E&LP shall be authorized and directed to implement preliminary assessments, site investigations and/or remedial investigations for the above-described parcel in accordance with a contract to be approved by the Township and the NJDEP, but only to the extent that NJDEP grant funds are available for payment for the aforesaid services.
4. That the Township is committed to the redevelopment of Block 39, Lot 27 located at River Road, Harmony, New Jersey within three years from the completion of the remediation.

I, Kelley D. Smith, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harmony, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Harmony Township Committee at a meeting held on February 7, 2023.

Kelley Smith, Municipal Clerk

**HARMONY TOWNSHIP
R:23-12**

**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE SURETY BOND
TO NJR CLEAN ENERGY VENTURE II IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$17,739.36**

WHEREAS, as required NJR Clean Energy Venture II posted a Maintenance Surety Bond in the amount of \$17,739.36 for a solar project in Harmony Township located on Block 44, Lot 10;

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2015 the Township Engineer was notified that the facility was completed;

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2015 the Township Engineer provided a memorandum stating that the facility was inspected and required improvements and documents were still outstanding;

WHEREAS, as of February 7, 2023 the Township Engineer and Harmony Township Fire Chief have been satisfied with all requirements at this time and recommend release of the Maintenance Surety Bond;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Harmony, in the County of Warren, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Municipal Clerk is directed to release the original Maintenance Surety Bond in the amount of \$17,739.36 to NJR Clean Energy Venture II, having offices at 1415 Wyckoff Road, Wall, NJ 07719.

I, Kelley D. Smith, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harmony, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Harmony Township Committee at a meeting held on February 7, 2023.

Kelley Smith, Municipal Clerk

Correspondence

1. Warren County Board of Commissioners Resolution 160-21; a resolution creating a Bicentennial Historic Marker Grant Program for Warren County Municipalities
2. Township of Washington Ordinance 2023-04 to amend and supplement Chapter 23, "zoning" of the code section 123-2 B. Residential Agriculture

New
Business

1. Harmony Sand and Gravel 2023 Operating Permit was carried to the March 3rd Harmony Township Committee meeting at 6pm without further notice
2. Greg Collins requested to display Harmony Speedway Memorabilia in the Municipal Building. After a discussion the Committee is fine with the display being in the Municipal Building. Kelley will coordinate.
3. Statewide Insurance recommendation to amend personnel policies for Drug and Alcohol. Kelley will work on updating to personnel manual to bring it into compliance.

Old
Business

1. Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and unanimously carried by all in favor to open public comments for O:23-1; Ordinance of the Township of Harmony, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to Amend Chapter 525 "Zoning" to Permit Solar Production Facilities within Industrial Zones.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and unanimously carried by all in favor to close to the public.

Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and carried by roll call to adopt Ordinance O:23-1.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tipton, Cornely, Yamrock Nays: none

2. Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and unanimously carried by all in favor to open public comments for O:23-2, Ordinance by the Harmony Township Committee Amending the Township of Harmony Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 221 Flood Damage Prevention and to Adopt a New Chapter 221 Entitled Floodplain Management and Adopting Flood Hazard Maps; Designating a Floodplain Administrator; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date

There were no public comments.

Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and unanimously carried by all in favor to close to the public.

Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and carried by roll call to adopt Ordinance O:23-2

Roll Call: Ayes: Tipton, Cornely, Yamrock Nays: none.

Vouchers Motion by Tipton, seconded by Cornely and unanimously carried by roll call to approve the Vouchers contingent on signing.
Roll Call: Ayes: Cornely, Tipton, Yamrock Nays: none

Public
Comment Jane Nemeth asked about the rotten trees on the Habitat Property. Habitat will look at the trees.

Adjourn Motion by Tipton, seconded by Yamrock to adjourn the meeting at this time. The motion was carried unanimously by all in favor.

Kelley Smith, Municipal Clerk

License for Raffle
(Insert Bingo or Raffles)

License No. R 23-2

Identification No. 388-9-5160

Insert name of Municipality HARMONY TOWNSHIP

Display this license conspicuously during the conduct of the games

Insert name of licensee HARMONY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
 Address 440 BRAINARDS RD. PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

1. This license allows the licensee to conduct (cross out line which does not apply) Bingo (not to exceed 35 games), Raffles of the kind stated, the winner to be determined on each of the dates, at the places and during the hours shown below:

Kind of game	Date	Place	During hours
Tricky Tray	3/19/2023	440 Brainards Rd. Phillipsburg, NJ Harmony Township	1-5 PM

2. The value and character of the prizes authorized to be offered and given on each date are:
\$500 to \$3900 value
Gift cards, misc. tools, video games, picnic table

3. This license is valid only if the entire net proceeds are devoted to the following specific purposes:
Purchase new fire fighting equipment

4. The names and addresses of the members under whom the games will be held, operated and conducted are:

Names	Addresses
Peter Ward	2387 Belvidere Rd. Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
Michael Yarnoch	2716 River Rd. Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
Robert Mueller	1960 Marde Hall Rd. Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
Jeff Weidlick	1250 Ridge Rd. Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Issued by order of Harmony Township Committee on 3-7-2023
(insert name of governing body) (date)

(SEAL)

Kelley Sh
(Signature of Municipal Clerk)

Display this license conspicuously during the conduct of games.
 Games must be played in accordance with the rules of the Control Commission.
 See Parts VI, VII and VIII of Rules and Regulations.

MGL FORMS-SYSTEMS

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License for Raffle
(Insert Bingo or Raffles)

License No. 23-3

Identification No. 388-9-5160

Insert name of Municipality Harmony Township

Display this license conspicuously during the conduct of the games

Insert name of licensee Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Co.

Address 440 Brainards Rd. Phillipsburg NJ 08865

1. This license allows the licensee to conduct (cross out line which does not apply) Bingo (not to exceed 35 games), Raffles of the kind stated, the winner to be determined on each of the dates, at the places and during the hours shown below:

Kind of game	Date	Place	During hours
<u>50/50 Raffle</u>	<u>3/19/2023</u>	<u>440 Brainards Rd.</u> <u>Phillipsburg NJ</u> <u>Harmony Township</u>	<u>1-5 p.m.</u>

2. The value and character of the prizes authorized to be offered and given on each date are:

Cash 50/50
First place 25.00 Third prize 10.00
Second place 15.00

3. This license is valid only if the entire net proceeds are devoted to the following specific purposes:

4. The names and addresses of the members under whom the games will be held, operated and conducted are:

Names

Addresses

Issued by order of _____ on _____
(insert name of governing body) (date)

(SEAL)

(Signature of Municipal Clerk)

Display this license conspicuously during the conduct of games.
Games must be played in accordance with the rules of the Control Commission.
See Parts VI, VII and VIII of Rules and Regulations.

MGL FORMS-SYSTEMS

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TOWNSHIP OF HARMONY
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

R:23-13
BUDGET TRANSFER – APPROPRIATION RESERVES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 and 59 authorizes transfers from certain budget appropriations where it is expected that it will be insufficient, and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable expected that certain appropriations will not be sufficient for contemplated expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of Harmony Township, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, is hereby instructed to adjust the financial records in accordance with the provision of this Resolution:

CURRENT FUND		
<u>Account:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Tax Collector O/E	\$3,000.00	
Legal Services O/E	\$15,000.00	
General Admin OE		\$1,000.00
Financial Admin O/E		\$1,000.00
Historical Sites Office O/E		\$1,000.00
Buildings & Grounds O/E		\$15,000.00
TOTALS	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00

I, Kelley D. Smith, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harmony, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Harmony Township Committee at a meeting held on March 7, 2023.

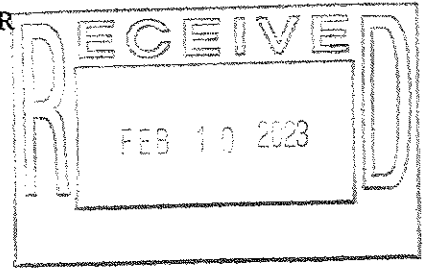
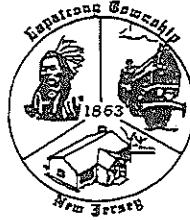
Kelley D. Smith
Municipal Clerk

Corr # 1

Township of Lopatcong

OFFICE OF THE CLERK/Administrator

MARGARET B. DILTS, CMC, CMR



February 7, 2023

TO: Warren County Planning Director
Town of Phillipsburg Municipal Clerk
Township of Greenwich Municipal Clerk
Township of Pohatcong Municipal Clerk
Township of Harmony Municipal Clerk

FROM: Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Please take notice of a hearing on Ordinance No. 2023-04 Amending Chapter 243 to change Fees for Zoning Permits. Public Hearing will take place on March 1, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building Court Room located at 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, NJ.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the telephone number listed below.

232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865
(908) 859-3355 Ext. 224 • (908) 213-1037 Fax

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 243-87 ENTITLED "POWERS AND DUTIES OF ZONING OFFICER" TO INCREASE THE FEES FOR ZONING PERMITS ISSUED BY THE ZONING OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren State of New Jersey believes that the permit fees pertaining to the Zoning Permits issued by the Zoning Officer under Chapter 243-87 need to be increased from thirty dollars (\$30) to seventy-five dollars (\$75); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes such amendment is in the best interest of the Township and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 243-87 entitled "Powers and Duties of Zoning Officer" be amended as follows:

SECTION I

Deletions shall be indicated by strikethrough text ~~thusly~~. Additions shall be indicated by underlined text thusly.

§ 243-87. Powers and Duties of Zoning Officer

[...]

C. Issuance of Zoning Permits

(1) [...]

(2) A fee of \$~~30~~ seventy-five dollars \$75 shall be charged for the issuance of a permit by the Lopatcong Township Zoning Officer.

SECTION II

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION III

If any article, section, subsection, paragraphs, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, inconsistent with the Code of the Township of Lopatcong, or is held to be unconstitutional

or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on February 1, 2023 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on March 1, 2023 at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance, at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

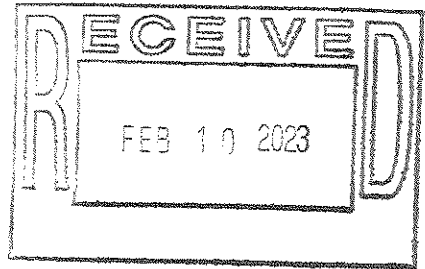
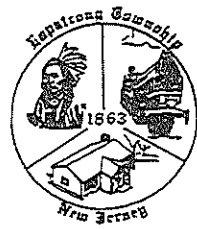

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

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Township of Lopatcong

OFFICE OF THE CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

MARGARET B. DILTS, CMC, CMR



February 6, 2023

TO: Warren County Planning Director
Greenwich Township Municipal Clerk
Pohatcong Township Municipal Clerk
Harmony Township Municipal Clerk
Town of Phillipsburg Municipal Clerk

FROM: Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Please see attached Notice regarding a Joint Meeting between Pohatcong and Lopatcong Townships to be held on February 21, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Building located at 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, NJ.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 908-859-3355, Ext. 223.

Enc. 1

232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865
(908) 859-3355 Ext. 224 • (908) 213-1037 Fax

**Township of Pohatcong and Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New
Jersey**

**Notice of Public Information Session on Amended Petition for Plan Conformance
Amended Center Boundaries**

Please take notice that the Townships of Pohatcong and Lopatcong will hold a joint public information session on February 21, 2023, beginning at 7:30 pm, to present details of an amended Petition for plan conformance to be submitted to the New Jersey Highlands Council for approval. The public information session will take place in the Council meeting room at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Building, located at 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

A copy of the petition is on file in the offices of the municipal clerks and is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Pohatcong Township Municipal Building located at 50 Municipal Drive, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 and at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Building located at 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865. The amended petition is also available on both municipal websites at www.lopatcongtp.com and www.pohatcongtp.org. The amended Petition proposes to add a total of eleven (11) properties to the current Highlands Center shared by Pohatcong and Lopatcong Townships, including Block 38, Lot 1, located on South Main Street in Pohatcong Township, Block 1, Lot 1, located to the west of the former Phillipsburg Mall site and Block 102, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8.01, 9, 10 and 11, located to the west of the former Phillipsburg Mall in Lopatcong Township. Three of the properties (Block 38, Lot 1, Block 1, Lot 1 and Block 102, Lot 9) are currently located in designated redevelopment areas. The amended petition outlines in detail all the Highlands resources of the properties and presents a rationale for their inclusion within the designated center.

Both Townships invite members of the public and other interested parties to attend the joint information session and provide feedback on the proposal to include these eleven properties within the designated center.

Wanda Kutzman Clerk
Township of Pohatcong
50 Municipal Drive
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

M. Beth Dilts, Clerk / Administrator
Township of Lopatcong
232 South Third Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Corr #3

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

WAYNE DUMONT, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
165 COUNTY ROAD 519 SOUTH
BELVIDERE, NJ 07823-1949



ALEX J. LAZORISAK
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Telephone: 908-475-6500
Fax: 908-475-6528

February 23, 2023

Honorable Governor Phil Murphy
State of New Jersey
PO Box 001
125 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625

RECEIVED
FEB 24 2023
COUNTY OF WARREN
OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Dear Governor Murphy:

Enclosed you will find Resolution #103-23 executed by The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at their regular meeting held on February 22, 2023, Supporting S-3534 to Recognize that food security is national security and must start on a State level.

Very truly yours,

Alex J. Lazorisak
County Administrator

AJL:tlm
Enclosure

c: Senator Nicholas P. Scutari, President of New Jersey Senate
Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin, Speaker of New Jersey Assembly
Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt
Senator Steven V. Oroho
Senator Michael L. Testa
Assemblyman John DiMaio
Assemblyman Erik Peterson
Assemblyman Parker Space
Assemblyman Harold Wirths
John Donnadio, New Jersey Association of Counties
New Jersey County Commissioner Boards
Warren County Municipalities

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
165 County Route 519, South
Belvidere, NJ 07823

RESOLUTION 103-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-3534

WHEREAS, Warren County recognizes that food security is national security; and

WHEREAS, there are rising concerns of foreign governments and persons acquiring American farmland; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that New Jersey farms are protected from falling under control of hostile foreign governments; and

WHEREAS, S-3534 would prohibit any foreign government or foreign person from acquiring, purchasing, or otherwise obtaining a legal, beneficial, or other interest in any agricultural land in the State on or after the bill's effective date, with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, "Foreign government" means any government other than the government of the United States or of its states, territories, possessions, or any political subdivision thereof; and

WHEREAS, "Foreign government" includes an agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof, acting for a foreign government; and

WHEREAS, "Foreign person" means any individual who is not a citizen of the United States and is a nonresident alien or a resident alien of the United States or one of its states, territories, or possessions; any corporation, partnership, association, or other legal entity created under the laws of a foreign government; or any corporation, partnership, association, or other legal entity, created under the laws of the United States or any of its political subdivisions, the majority of the ownership of which is directly or indirectly held, legally or beneficially, by one or more foreign governments, by one or more foreign persons, by one or more legal entities created under the laws of a foreign government, or by any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, "Foreign person" includes an agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof, acting for a foreign person; and

WHEREAS, S-3534 requires the Secretary of Agriculture, no more than 90 days after the effective date of the bill, and annually thereafter, to report to the Governor and the Legislature:

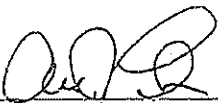
1. The total acreage of agricultural land in the State that is owned by foreign governments or foreign persons.
2. The percentage change in the amount on in-State agricultural land acreage owned by foreign governments or foreign persons, per year, over the preceding 10 years.
3. The top 10 nationalities of foreign governments or foreign persons owning agricultural land in the State, by total amount of acreage owned; and

4. The purposes for which agricultural land owned by foreign governments or foreign persons has been used in the preceding five years, and any significant changes or trends in the use of such land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby support S-3534, a bill introduced to the New Jersey State Senate on January 30, 2023 by Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt of District 23 and co-sponsored by Senator Michael L. Testa, Jr. of District 1, restricting ownership of agricultural land in the State by foreign governments and persons to protect New Jersey farmland from falling under control of hostile foreign agents.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.



Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

[E10]



Warren County
Cultural & Heritage Affairs
Shippen Manor
8 Belvidere Ave.
Oxford, New Jersey 07863



10 February 2023

Dear Municipalities, Mayors, Town Councils, Town Clerks, and Local Historic Groups,

The Bicentennial Cultural & Heritage Advisory Board (BCHAB) and Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs are inviting all municipalities and county non-profit historic groups (commissions, societies, sites, etc.) to outreach meetings in preparation for the County's Bicentennial in 2024-2025. The County Commissioners have voted a resolution to set aside funds for the celebration events and the sign grants that have been offered to each municipality with the assistance of their respective historical groups. In addition the Advisory Board has also created a website for Bicentennial merchandise, held a "Kick-Off" concert last September, and will be lining up speakers at Shippen Manor ("Shippen Talks"), and elsewhere. This year, the Advisory Board is planning a concert this summer and a winter event.

LOCATION	DATE & TIME	RESPECTIVE MUNICIPALITIES
Warren County Library, Catherine Dickson Hofman Branch 4 Lambert Road, Blairstown	Mon., April 17, 2023 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm	Blairstown, Frelinghuysen, Hardwick, Hope, and Knowlton
Warren County Library, Northeast Branch 40 US Hwy 46, Independence	Wed., April 19, 2023 2 to 3:30 pm	Allamuchy, Hackettstown, Independence, Liberty and Mansfield
Warren County Library, Southwest Branch 404 Route 519, Phillipsburg	Thurs., April 27, 2023 6 to 7:30 pm	Alpha, Franklin, Greenwich, Lopatcong, Phillipsburg and Pohatcong
Warren County Library, Richard D. Gardner Branch (HQ) 2 Shotwell Drive, Belvidere	Sat., April 29, 2023 2 to 3:30 pm	Belvidere, Harmony, Oxford, Washington Borough, Washington Twp., White

We hope that each municipality can attend the outreach meetings. Please designate a representative from your municipality to attend the regional meeting as scheduled above. Please email or call my office to confirm that a representative will be attending. We look forward to working with each municipality as we prepare for this momentous event. Light refreshments will be served.

Regards,

Gina M. Rosseland, Asst. Administrator WCCHA
grosseland@co.warren.nj.us
908-453-4381



March
Corresp. #5

February 16, 2023

Mayor Brian Tipton
Harmony Township
3003 Belvidere Road
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Re: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit
Tier B to Tier A Transition

Dear Mayor Tipton,

As I am sure you are aware, the NJDEP has reclassified your municipality under the State's municipal stormwater permitting program into Tier A. After years in Tier B, the new requirements can seem daunting – especially in light of the even more demanding requirements of the newly effective 2023 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit that became effective on January 1, 2023.

We at Stormwater Compliance Solutions have spent months looking at the requirements for moving from Tier B to Tier A as well as the Statewide Basic Requirements (SBRs) under the new permit. We have been dealing directly with the NJDEP to gain a better understanding of the new permit requirements. These meetings have been very successful and have allowed us to find ways to help municipalities get through the transition process and gain compliance with the new permit in a cost-effective manner. We have also been advised that it is very likely that the NJDEP will be making significant grants available to the former Tier B municipalities to help offset some of these costs.

All municipalities are very different as they move from one permit class to another and we are currently working with several. The transition can be difficult and confusing, especially for the Tier B municipalities who may have limited or no Departments of Public Works and limited staff in the municipal building. SCS has been working with towns such as these for years and understands the limitations and the opportunities for sharing services and costs. Personally, I have been a municipal engineer in one Tier B municipality since the DEP MS4 permit was first adopted and am currently the engineer for five former Tier B towns. As we prepare our template for moving forward in those towns, I firmly believe that SCS can leverage that experience with other Tier B municipalities to save costs now and into the future.

We stand ready to assist you in this challenging transition and are very interested in meeting you to discuss your unique needs under the permit. Please contact me at pferriero@scsstorm.com or my MS4 specialist, Cristina Petroni at cpetroni@scsstorm.com. As I mentioned above, the work required under the permit can seem overwhelming but we have developed a program to help you through the transition at a minimal cost and keep you in compliance with the permit requirements for now and into the future.

Very truly yours,

Paul W. Ferriero, PE, PP, CME, CFM
President

Cristina Petroni
Environmental Compliance Specialist

CASA CHILD ADVOCATE MONTH
APRIL 2023

WHEREAS, the Township of Harmony, in Warren County, New Jersey recognizes the problem of child abuse and neglect and is committed to helping it's victims; and

WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties recruits, screens trains, supports and supervises community volunteers as advocates for children who have been removed from their homes due to neglect and abuse; and

WHEREAS, adverse childhood experiences and trauma, such as those caused by child abuse or neglect, can have long-lasting effects on a child's health, wellbeing and success; and

WHEREAS, survivors of child abuse need people in their lives that will consider their best interests; and

WHEREAS, the Court Appointed Special Advocate programs have a record of public service, helping protect the safety and wellbeing of Township abused and neglected children; and

WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are assigned by family court judges to champion the needs of child abuse victims; and

WHEREAS, CASAs are everyday people, with diverse backgrounds and professions, that go through very specialized training to be a volunteer voice for children in the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, CASAs volunteers serve as the court's eyes and ears in a child's life, helping to improve the quality of information presented to the court and child welfare systems; and

WHEREAS, April 2023 is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, an observance that reflects the purpose of CASA programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Harmony Township Committee, of Harmony Township, does hereby proclaim: APRIL 2021 AS CASA CHILD ADVOCATE MONTH.

Attested by:

Mayor Brian R. Tipton

Kelley Smith

March - Old Bus. #2

From: Castanhas, Karen [HIGHLANDS] <karen.castanhas@highlands.nj.gov> on behalf of Spinelli, Ben [HIGHLANDS] <Ben.Spinelli@highlands.nj.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 10:42 AM
To: Castanhas, Karen [HIGHLANDS]
Subject: Funding and assistance available to meet new MS4 requirements



As you know, last year NJDEP announced changes to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit process in an effort to better address local flooding and nutrient loading in waterways due to stormwater runoff, and to more closely align state standards with federal requirements.

Perhaps the most significant of these changes was the transition of all municipalities into the “Tier A” group. In addition, there are new or enhanced requirements regarding infrastructure mapping; salt management, erosion control, and maintenance facility management; training; ordinances and the development of Watershed Improvement Plans. Additional information about the Tier B reassignment can be found in an [NJDEP presentation](#) from last August. (Summary of changes on slide 17, “Overview of Permit Enhancements.”)

Last week, the NJDEP announced the availability of grant funding up to \$75,000 to help newly designated Tier B municipalities implement these changes. Additional information about the NJDEP grants will be [posted on March 3](#).

The Highlands Council is reaching out today to offer additional assistance with these efforts to all Highlands municipalities, regardless of conformance status. Highlands Council grants can augment NJDEP funding to complete required components of the new MS4 permit requirements and Highlands Council staff liaisons can offer guidance on how best to approach the changes.

Please feel free to reach out to your [Highlands Council liaison](#) with any questions you may have about the MS4 Permit changes and how the Highland Council may be able to help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin L. Spinelli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Benjamin L. Spinelli, Esq.
Executive Director

Discussion

*Township of Harmony, NJ
Thursday, February 23, 2023*

Chapter 226. Food Establishments, Retail

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Harmony 12-14-2010 by Ord. No. 10-11 (Ch. 173 of the 1990 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 226-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT

Any fixed or mobile restaurant; coffee shop; cafeteria; short-order cafe; luncheonette; grill; tearoom; sandwich shop; soda fountain; tavern; bar; cocktail lounge; night club; roadside stand; industrial feeding establishment; private, public or nonprofit organization or institution routinely serving food; catering kitchen; commissary; box lunch establishment; retail bakery; meat market; delicatessen; grocery store; public food market or similar place in which food or drink is prepared for retail sale or for service on the premises or elsewhere; and any other retail eating or drinking establishment or operation where food is served, handled or provided for the public with or without charge.

§ 226-2. License required.

[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I)]

It shall be unlawful for any person or any body corporate to conduct a retail food establishment without first having procured a license from the local Township Committee so to do or without complying with any or all of the provisions concerning operation and maintenance of the same as provided by statutes and codes enacted by the State of New Jersey.

§ 226-3. License fees.

business address appearing upon said license. At the hearing before the Township Committee, the person aggrieved shall have an opportunity to answer and may thereafter be heard, and upon due consideration and deliberation by the Township Committee, the complaint may be dismissed, or if the governing body concludes that the charges have been sustained and substantiated, it may revoke, cancel or suspend the license held by the licensee.

- C. If any such license shall have been revoked, neither the holder thereof nor any person acting for him, directly or indirectly, shall be entitled to another license to carry on the same business within the Township unless the application for such license shall be approved by the Township Committee.

§ 226-6. Violations and penalties.

[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I)]

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalty provisions in Chapter 1, Article II, General Penalty, of the Code of the Township of Harmony. Each violation of any provisions of this chapter and each day the same is violated shall be deemed and taken to be a separate and distinct offense.